

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

We're privileged this morning to hear from our own Kristine Schmucker as she offers her expertise and passion about history and faith. Kris will share about the faithful sojourn of the Alexanderwohl community to this place.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Jesus, Still Lead On* ~Weber Marcia Brubaker
 Holy God, We Praise Your Name ~Burkhardt

Welcome Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

(raise your hand for the microphone or come to the front)

Call to Worship | Opening Prayer+ Psalm 100, VT 20

***Gathering Hymns** *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer* VT 34
 O Gott Vater (O God and Father) VT 45

Children's Story Chrystiana Miller

Worship Music Julianna and Jerod Kaufman

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Acts 2:1-4; Hebrews 12:1-3 Tammy Flaming

Message *Faith, Community, Convictions* Kristine Schmucker

Song of Response *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VT 419

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Take Thou My Hand* ~Burkhardt Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication** *God, Whose Giving* (vs. 1) VT 745

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* VT 840

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

***Postlude** Marcia Brubaker
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ~Burkhardt

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Greeters: North – Jared and Laura Unrau family
South – Tim and Judy Goertzen

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Gretchen Schrag, Julianna Kaufman

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

September 15 Attendance: Sunday School – 96; Worship -- 138 in person;
11 Zoom Households

September 15 Offering: Sunday School -- \$28.43; First Fruits – \$8,234.43

Next Sunday: Join us for worship time on the prairie as Pastor Luann leads us in a "Wild Church" experience as we are present to God's creation around us. We will wonder together and wander a bit (for those who want to venture out) as we stand together on holy ground and remember the God who speaks in burning bushes.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We give thanks, God, for the rich and deeply rooted faith of the forebears who immigrated here.
- ❖ We ask for continued wisdom and discernment as we try to be good stewards of the land and the resources we bring to it.
- ❖ In the face of violence, fear and hate we continue to believe and proclaim that you are the God of Peace and that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. We pray for your Peace in this world.

+*This week pray for: Darla Banman and Gary Lyndaker, Cindy Hastings, Bryant, Chrystiana, Emmett, Nolan and Tate Miller, Marilyn Schmidt, Meribeth Schmidt, Ben, Tina, Noah and Levi Schrag, Braden Unruh, Jill Siebert and Mia*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 22

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

3:00 pm – Immigrant Site Pilgrimage

Monday, September 23

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

Tuesday, September 24

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Thursday, September 26

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Friday, September 27

3:00-6:00 pm – Kansas Food Bank opportunity to serve at New Life Center, Wichita

Saturday, September 28

Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Sunday, September 29

No Sunday School

No Worship Service at AMC

10:30 am – Worship at Camp Mennoscah

11:30 am – Lunch at Camp Mennoscah

COMING EVENTS

- Oct 5 Goessel Harvest Festival
- Oct 6 World Communion Sunday | World Food Day
- Oct 6 Harvest Giving Walk
- Oct 7 Goessel Community Blood Drive, 1-6 pm
- Oct 9 Midweek fellowship meals and classes begin at AMC
- Oct 13 Area-wide Junior High hayrack ride, food & fun, 6-8 pm
- Oct 20 Sharing the Congregational and Pastoral Priorities surveys during the Sunday School hour
- Nov 3 Bethesda Home Pillar's Banquet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Council would like to thank all those who have completed and returned the Congregational and Pastoral Priorities Surveys. We will be sharing the results of these surveys during the Sunday School hour on **October 20**. On that morning we will also be introducing the Search Committee Affirmation Form to begin the process of identifying those who will be serving on the Search Committee. We hope you can attend on October 20. ~Church Council

Check out the youth version of “Church as a Person” on the east wall in the Fellowship Hall.

2024 Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Retreat: Come to Camp Mennoscah September 28-29 and enjoy God’s creation, fellowship, tasty meals, and worshipping our Maker! **Today is the last day to sign up.** Complete the [online registration form](#) OR the registration form that was in church mailboxes. Feel free to invite friends!

If you plan to eat the Wednesday night fellowship meals, please sign up on either lobby bulletin board or call the church office – 620.367.8192. **RSVP by Tuesday, October 1** to be included in the count for fall semester.

Wednesday night meals – If you are willing to bring dessert, help serve or clean up sign up in the south lobby for dates that work for you.

Congregational Gifts Discernment – Each year attenders and members are asked to participate in a process of discernment for congregational leadership. Gifts for doing ministry in various ways are present in all of us. What do you especially recognize in someone worshipping together with you that would help serve God’s purposes? Yellow “Discernment of Congregational Leadership” forms were placed in church mailboxes on September 8. Please prayerfully consider and discern those who you think would best serve our congregation in the needed positions. Please return your completed form to the designated box in either lobby or mail to the church office no later than **October 6**. ~Gifts Facilitating Committee (Karl Brubaker, Mary Schmidt, Jenny Fast)

The AMC Peace Committee encourages you to bring **donations for the Tabor Food Pantry on Sunday, October 6**. On that World Communion Sunday, we will share communion together and also remember those who don’t have enough food. Mennonite Central Committee is emphasizing World Food Day, reminding us that “Food is a human right and a blessing from God”. Their focus is global, so you can make a donation to MCC as they respond to food insecure populations around the world and/or make a local donation to the Food Pantry. **Please bring items on October 6**; there will be a table set up at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity!

Sign up to help with the Harvest Fest table on October 5th. You can make 2 dozen zwieback, put two zwieback in a ziplock bag to sell in pairs, or you can sign up to help at the table. Sign up for an hour, or more if you’d like. Times are 8:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00. Sign up in the south lobby. All money earned will go to the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. Thanks!

Midweek Schedule - Begins Wednesday, October 9, 2024

- 5:45 – 6:30 pm Fellowship meal served
- 6:30 – 7:50 pm Supervised child care for ages 0-2
- 6:30 – 7:45 pm Children’s activities and music (ages 3 to 5th grade)
- 6:45 – 7:45 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm 6th-12th grade activities (youth house)
- 7:50 – 8:30 pm Adult Bible Study



Here are the winners for the summer library reading program drawing! Emmett Miller, Preschool-Kindergarten; Celia Peters, 1st-4th Grades; Myra Peters, 5th-8th Grades; Pat Schmidt, High School - Adult. Thank you to everyone who participated in the "Ocean of Books" summer reading program! ~Library Committee

Bethel College's Fall Festival is Saturday, October 5. As usual, our church is responsible for **selling New Year's cookies and coffee** for the BC Women's Association. Volunteers are necessary to help with this event. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the south lobby! Questions? Contact Bonnie Gaeddert.

The new Anabaptist Community Bible uses the Common English Bible translation, presented in a uniquely Anabaptist context. Check out the sample of the book of Psalms and pick up an informational flyer from the table in the south lobby. Discounted prices are available on orders placed by October 15. **If interested in a copy, add your name to the group order on the table or let the church office know by September 22.** For those on the list, an email with payment details will be coming soon. **Payment is due by October 6.**

The Harvest Giving Walk will take place at Goessel Church Sunday, October 6 at 1:30 p.m. Pick up a fundraising envelope today or find someone who is walking and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's global food projects. Walkers are invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry to the event. Please make checks payable to "Harvest Giving Walk."

Blood Drive: Carve out a new tradition and donate blood on October 7, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. New donors are encouraged and welcomed! Sign up at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

Bethesda Pillars Banquet – Mark your calendars now for November 3 at Tabor Mennonite Church – There will be a drive thru option as well as a plated meal with entertainment. More details to come!